

# Differential distributions at NNLO

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# NNLO computations are in a (pre-) revolutionary phase:

- new promising techniques are in use for two-loop integrals,
- NLO wisdom (and tools) start being applied at NNLO,
- generic subtraction approaches for double real radiation reach maturity

Process	State of the Art	Desired
H	$d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD (expansion in $1/m_t$ ) full $m_t/m_b$ dependence @ NLO QCD and @ NLO EW NNLO+PS, in the $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit	$d\sigma$ @ NNNLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit) full $m_t/m_b$ dependence @ NNLO QCD and @ NNLO QCD+EW NNLO+PS with finite top quark mass effects
H + j	$d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD (g only) and finite-quark-mass effects @ LO QCD and LO EW	$d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit) and finite-quark-mass effects @ NLO QCD and NLO EW
H + 2j	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{VBF})$ @ NNLO(DIS) QCD $d\sigma(\text{VBF})$ @ NLO EW $d\sigma(\text{gg})$ @ NLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit) and finite-quark-mass effects @ LO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{VBF})$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW  $d\sigma(\text{gg})$ @ NNLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit) and finite-quark-mass effects @ NLO QCD and NLO EW
H + V	$d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD $d\sigma$ @ NLO EW $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\text{gg})$ @ NLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit)	with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ @ same accuracy $d\sigma(\text{gg})$ @ NLO QCD with full $m_t/m_b$ dependence
tH and $\bar{t}H$	$d\sigma(\text{stable top})$ @ LO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{top decays})$ @ NLO QCD and NLO EW
ttH	$d\sigma(\text{stable tops})$ @ NLO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{top decays})$ @ NLO QCD and NLO EW
gg $\rightarrow$ HH	$d\sigma$ @ NLO QCD (leading $m_t$ dependence) $d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD (infinite- $m_t$ limit)	$d\sigma$ @ NLO QCD with full $m_t/m_b$ dependence

Table 1: Wishlist part 1 – Higgs ( $V = W, Z$ )

Process	State of the Art	Desired
V	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NNLO QCD $d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NLO EW	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NNNLO QCD and @ NNLO QCD+EW NNLO+PS
V + j(j)	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NLO QCD $d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NLO EW	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW
VV'	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD $d\sigma(\text{on-shell V decays})$ @ NLO EW	$d\sigma(\text{decaying off-shell V})$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW
gg $\rightarrow$ VV	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ LO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD
V $\gamma$	$d\sigma(\text{V decay})$ @ NLO QCD $d\sigma(\text{PA, V decay})$ @ NLO EW	$d\sigma(\text{V decay})$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW
Vbb	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NLO QCD massive b	$d\sigma(\text{lept. V decay})$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW, massless b
VV' $\gamma$	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD + NLO EW
VV'V''	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD + NLO EW
VV' + j	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD + NLO EW
VV' + jj	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD	$d\sigma(\text{V decays})$ @ NLO QCD + NLO EW
$\gamma\gamma$	$d\sigma$ @ NNLO QCD + NLO EW	$q_T$ resummation at NNLL matched to NNLO

As a result the Les Houches wishlist was recently radicalized!

As the LHC enters its precision era improving our understanding of all processes that are related to Higgs signal and backgrounds becomes a priority. All these processes involve **colorless** final states.

The need emerges to integrate NNLO corrections in one code, including decays and sometimes QCD/EW corrections to decays- e.g.

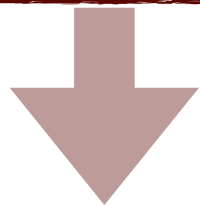
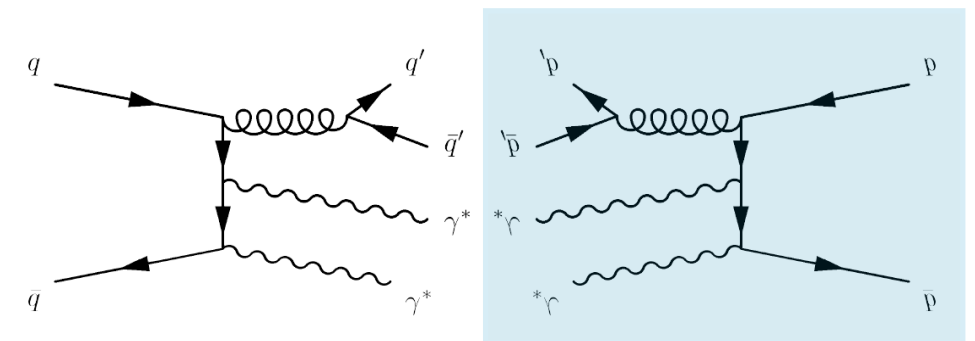
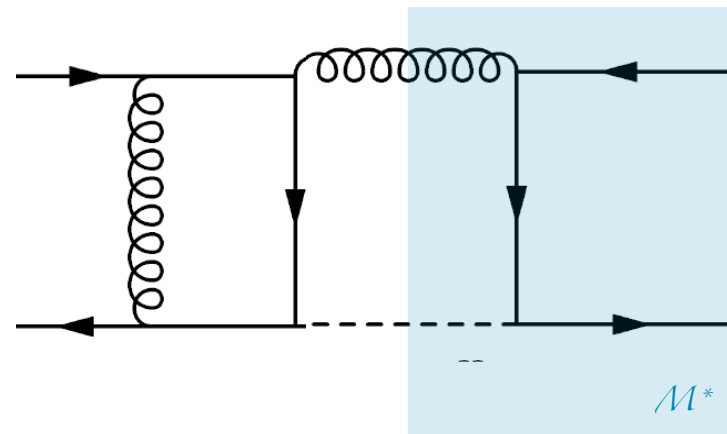
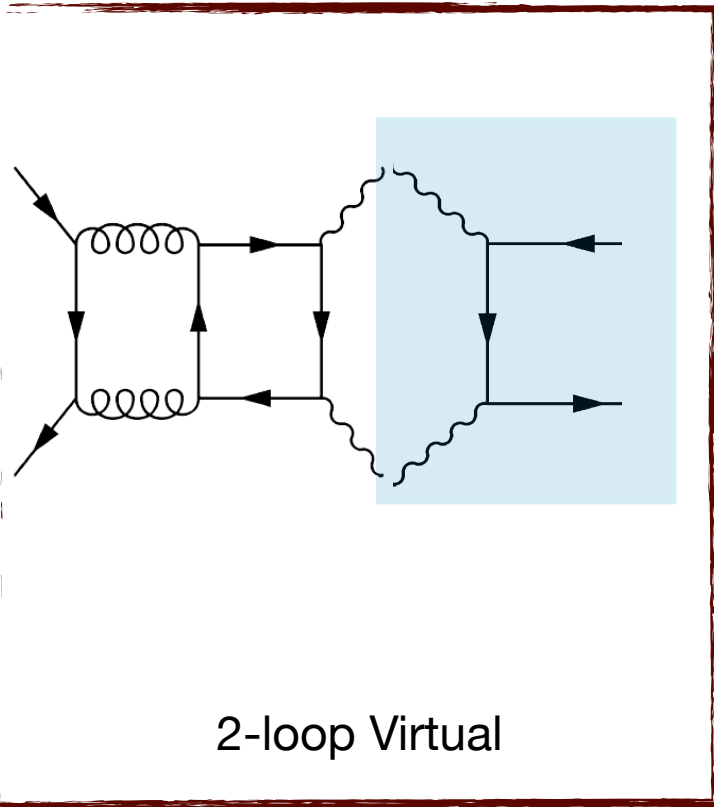
$$pp \rightarrow VH \rightarrow Vb\bar{b}$$

see Grazzini, Ferera, Tramontano [arXiv:1312.1669](https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.1669)

Our ~~short~~ medium-term goal is to provide NNLO differential distributions for all Higgs-related colorless final states including decays, in a unified framework.

First step: a parallelized code for Higgs production in gluon fusion, see talk by Franz Herzog

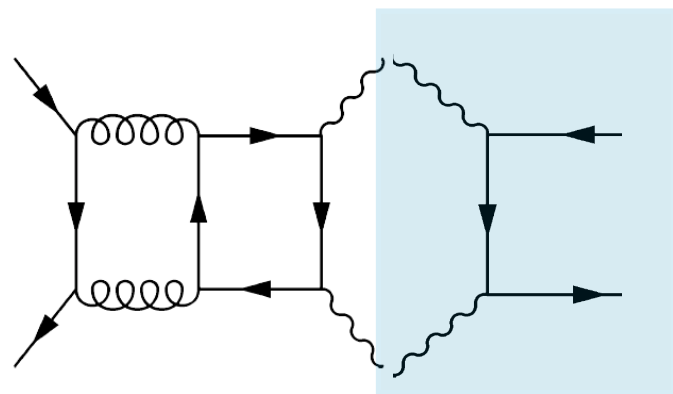
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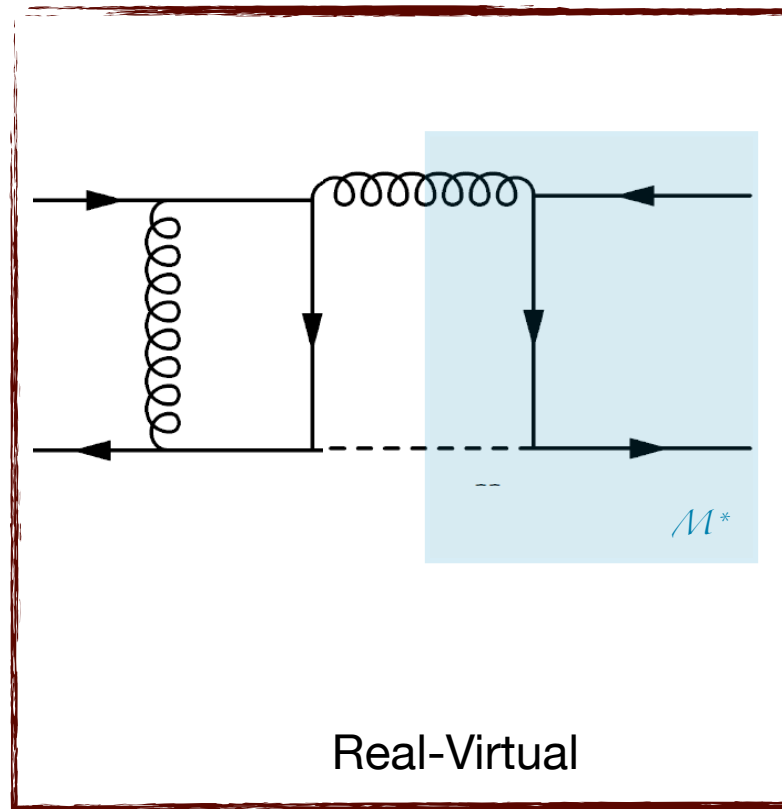
Usually the show-stopper, because of lack of master integrals.

However there is much progress in analytic tools for master integrals recently, e.g. Caola, Melnikov, Henn, Smirnov [1404.5590](#), [1402.7078](#), Gehrmann, Manteuffel, Tancredi, Weihs [1404.4853](#), [1306.6344](#), Duhr, Chavez [1209.2722](#)

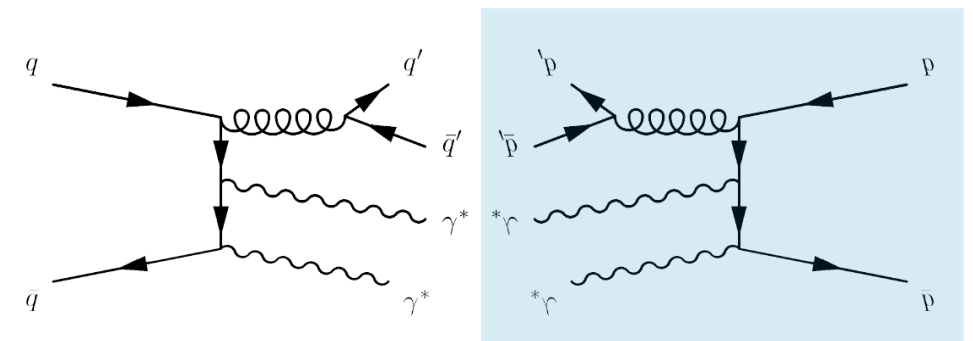
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2-loop Virtual



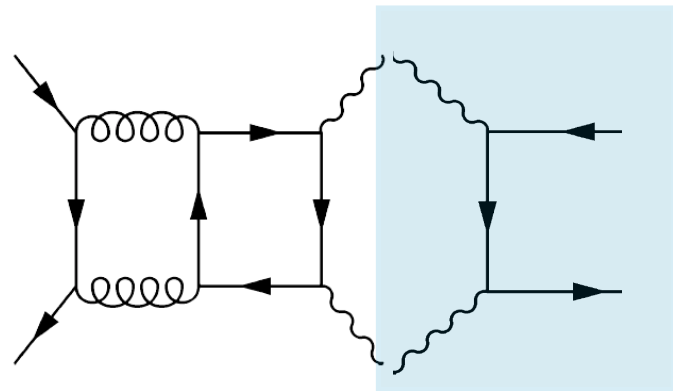
Real-Virtual



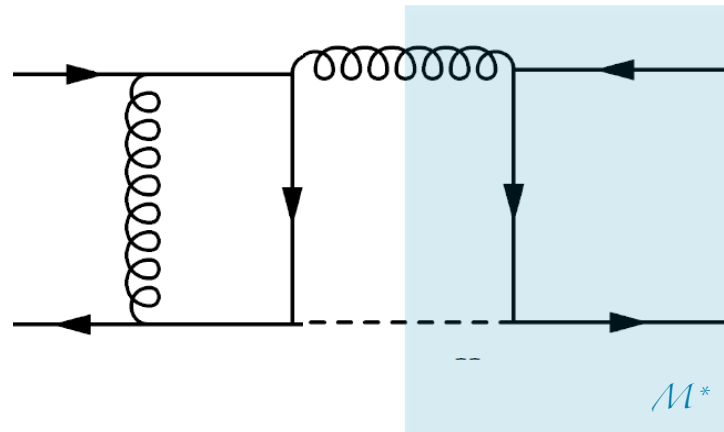
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The soft and collinear limits necessary for subtraction are known or easily derivable. However stable one loop amplitudes as these limits are approached are still a major issue. Which of the one-loop providers can we use and to which extent?

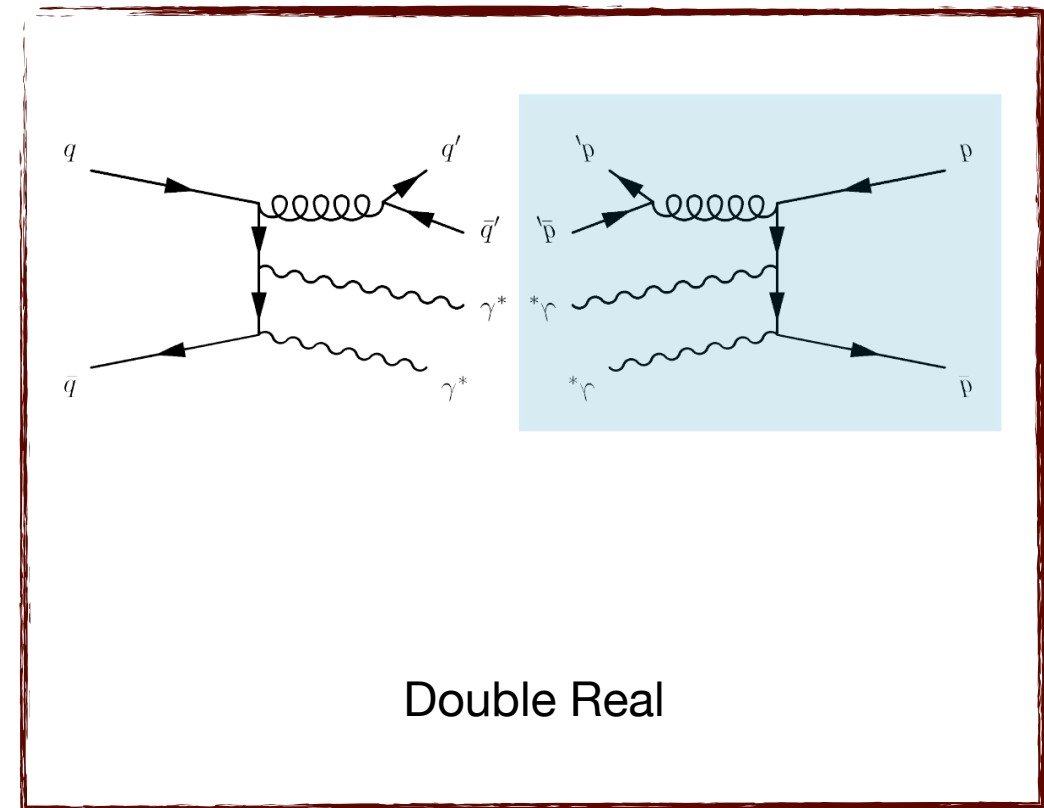
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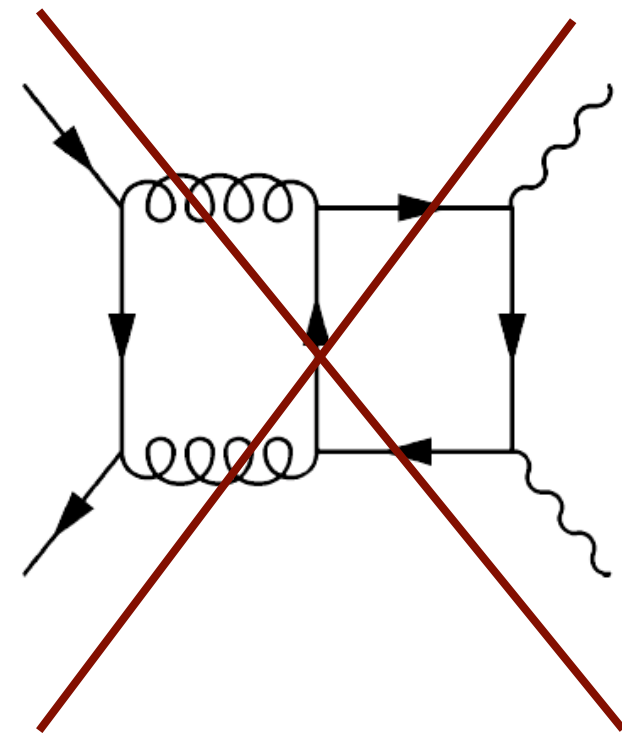
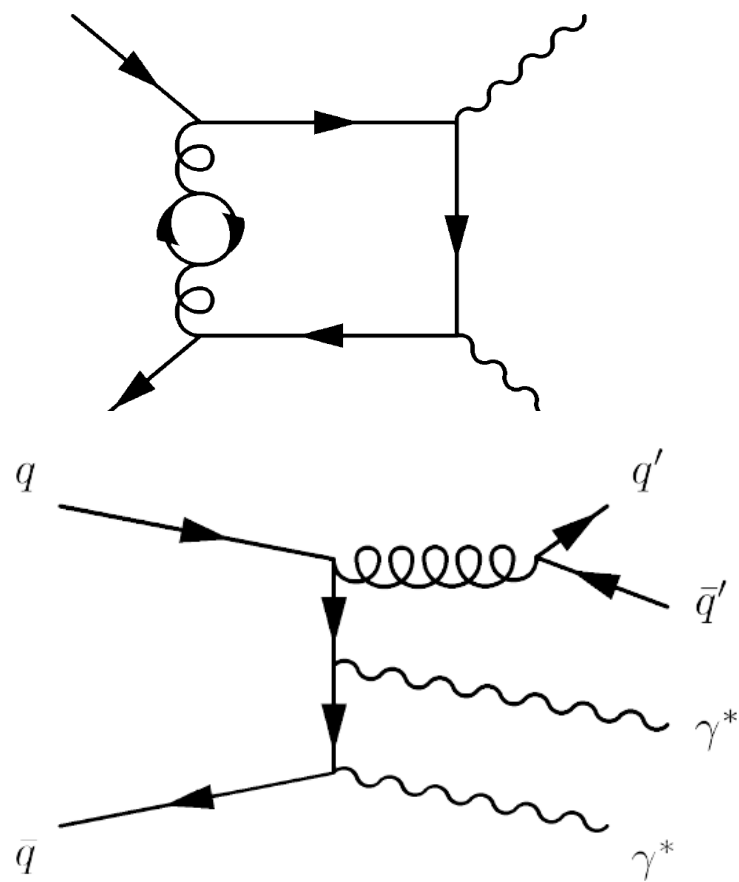
Double Real

In principle the double real subtraction problem is solved by all the methods in the market: Qt subtraction, sector decomposition with topologies, topologies with non-linear mappings, phase-space selectors plus sector decomposition, antennas...

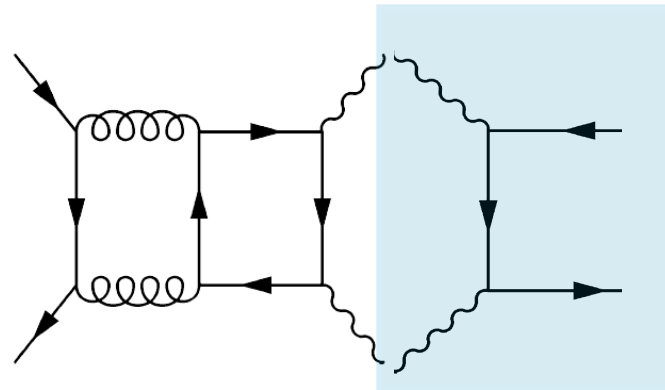
# the most trivial example with two final state particles: the **nf** pieces of $pp \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$

[ with R. Mueller, F. Chavez, C. Duhr, B. Anastasiou, J. Cancino ]

- No real-virtual
- Challenging but not monumental double virtual
- Easiest possible double real



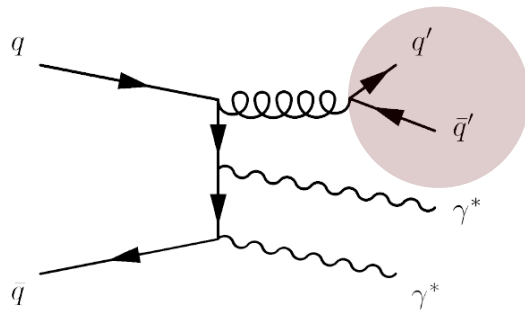




The two-loop virtual diagrams were reduced to master integrals with IBP reduction (using AIR). The master integrals were done in the spirit of Duhr, Chavez [1209.2722](#). They are a subset of those published by Caola, Melnikov, Henn, Smirnov [1404.5590](#), [1402.7078](#). The techniques used deserve a whole talk.

Instead, I will focus on the treatment of the double real.

integrating out the final state quark pair



$$d\Phi_{12 \rightarrow q\bar{q}\gamma^*\gamma^*} = \frac{s_{12}}{2\pi} \frac{dz ds_g}{2\pi} d\Phi_{12 \rightarrow g^*Q} d\Phi_{g^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}} d\Phi_{Q \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma^*}$$

$$\int d\Phi_{g^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}} |M_{12 \rightarrow q\bar{q}\gamma^*\gamma^*}|^2 = \frac{A(\epsilon)}{s_g^{1+\epsilon}} |M_{12 \rightarrow g^*\gamma^*\gamma^*}|^2$$

$$A(\epsilon) = 2g_s^2 N_F \frac{d-2}{d-1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_{d-1}}{(4\pi)^{d-2}}$$

$$p_g = \bar{z}\bar{\lambda}p_1 + \bar{z}\lambda \frac{1 - \rho\bar{z}\bar{\lambda}}{1 - \bar{z}\bar{\lambda}} p_2 + \bar{z}\sqrt{s_{12}\rho\lambda\bar{\lambda}} e_T$$

Parametrize the off-shell gluon in the hierarchical parametrization

integrating out the final state quark pair

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_g &= p_{q'} + p_{\bar{q}'} \parallel p_1 & p_g &= p_{q'} + p_{\bar{q}'} \parallel p_2 \\
 |M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2 &\sim \frac{-4g_s^2}{\tilde{s}_{1g}} \frac{B_1(z)}{z} P_{qq;1}(z, \rho) & |M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2 &\sim \frac{-4g_s^2}{\tilde{s}_{2g}} \frac{B_2(z)}{z} P_{qq;2}(z, \rho) \\
 \tilde{s}_{1g} &= -s_{12} \bar{z} \lambda. & \tilde{s}_{2g} &= -s_{12} \bar{z} \bar{\lambda} (1 - \bar{\rho} \bar{z}) \\
 P_{qq;1}(z, \rho) &= C_F \left[ \frac{2}{\bar{z}} - 2 + (1 - \epsilon) \bar{z} \rho \right] & P_{qq;2}(z, \rho) &= C_F \left[ \frac{2}{\bar{z}} - 2 + (1 - \epsilon) \bar{z} \left( 1 - \frac{z \bar{\rho}}{1 - \bar{z} \bar{\rho}} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{q'} \parallel p_{\bar{q}'}$$

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 1} |M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2 = |M_{12 \rightarrow g \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2$$

The triple collinear limits are easy to derive and they commute with the final state collinear limit.

## double real with integrated quarks

$$d\sigma_{RR}^U = d\sigma_{HH} + d\sigma_{R;C} + d\sigma_{CC_1} + d\sigma_{CC_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_{HH} = & \frac{1}{2s_{12}} \frac{s_{12}}{2\pi} \frac{dz}{2\pi} \frac{ds_g}{s_g^{1+\epsilon}} A(\epsilon) \rho^{-\epsilon} d\Phi_{12 \rightarrow gQ} d\Phi_{Q \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*} \\ & \times \left[ |M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2 - \frac{4g_s^2}{-\tilde{s}_{1g}} P_{qq;1}(z, \rho) \frac{B_1(z)}{z} - \frac{4g_s^2}{-\tilde{s}_{2g}} P_{qq;2}(z, \rho) \frac{B_2(z)}{z} \right. \\ & \left. - |M_{12 \rightarrow g \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2 + \frac{4g_s^2}{-\tilde{s}_{1g}^*} P_{qq}(z) \frac{B_1(z)}{z} + \frac{4g_s^2}{-\tilde{s}_{2g}^*} P_{qq}(z) \frac{B_2(z)}{z} \right], \end{aligned}$$

The subtracted double real is automatically soft-finite (non-trivial)

# Triple collinear counter-terms integrated

$$\int_{\lambda,\rho} d\sigma_{CC_{1,2}} = \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s_{12}}\right)^{2\epsilon} G_{1,2}^{NNLO}(z) d\sigma_{B_{1,2}}(z) dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_1^{NNLO}(z) = & \frac{C_F N_F}{48} \left\{ -\frac{\delta(\bar{z})}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left[ 4\mathcal{D}_0(\bar{z}) - \frac{5}{3}\delta(\bar{z}) - 2(1+z) \right] \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ -16\mathcal{D}_1(\bar{z}) + \frac{20}{3}\mathcal{D}_0(\bar{z}) - \frac{1}{18}(56 - 21\pi^2)\delta(\bar{z}) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{10}{3}(1+z) + 8(1+z)\log \bar{z} + 2(1+z^2)\frac{\log z}{\bar{z}} \right] \\ & + 32\mathcal{D}_2(\bar{z}) - \frac{80}{3}\mathcal{D}_1(\bar{z}) + \frac{2}{9}(56 - 21\pi^2)\mathcal{D}_0(\bar{z}) \\ & - \frac{1}{54}(328 - 105\pi^2 - 1116\zeta_3)\delta(\bar{z}) \\ & - 4(1+z^2)\frac{\text{Li}_2(\bar{z})}{\bar{z}} - 16(1+z)\log^2 \bar{z} - (1+z^2)\frac{\log^2 z}{\bar{z}} - 8(1+z^2)\frac{\log z \log \bar{z}}{\bar{z}} \\ & + \frac{40}{3}(1+z)\log \bar{z} + \frac{10}{3}(1+z^2)\frac{\log z}{\bar{z}} \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{9}(38 + 74z + (1+z)(-21\pi^2)) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \end{aligned} \quad (6.28)$$

$$G_2^{NNLO}(z) = G_1^{NNLO}(z) + \frac{C_F N_F}{48} \left( 4(1+z^2)\frac{\text{Li}_2(\bar{z})}{\bar{z}} - 4\log z - 4\bar{z} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon). \quad (6.29)$$

The triple collinear counter-terms can be analytically integrated

# Final state collinear counter-term integrated

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma_{R;C} - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{\beta_0 |N_F|}{\epsilon} d\sigma_H &= d\sigma_{NLO}^{RC} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{N_F}{6\epsilon} d\sigma_H \\
 &= \frac{1}{2s_{12}} \frac{s_{12} dz d\lambda d\phi}{2\pi} d\Phi_{Q \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \bar{z} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \frac{N_F}{6} \left[ -\frac{5}{3} + \log \left( \frac{s_{12} \bar{z}^2 \lambda \bar{\lambda}}{\mu^2 (1 - \bar{z} \bar{\lambda})} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left( \frac{|M_{12 \rightarrow g\gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2}{4g_s^2} - \frac{P_{qq}(z)}{2z(-\tilde{s}_{1q}^*)} B_1(z) - \frac{P_{qq}(z)}{2z(-\tilde{s}_{2q}^*)} B_2(z) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The single collinear counter-term is also analytically integrated and is seen to be proportional to the NLO subtracted real emission amplitude.

# Symmetrizing the parametrization

$$p_g = \bar{t} \left[ \bar{\lambda} p_1 + \lambda p_2 + \sqrt{s_{12} \lambda \bar{\lambda} \rho} e_T \right]$$

$$\bar{t} \equiv \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda \bar{\lambda} \bar{z} \bar{\rho}}}{2\lambda \bar{\lambda} \bar{\rho}}$$

$$|M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma \gamma}|^2 \sim \frac{-4g_s^2}{\tilde{s}_{1g}} \frac{P_{qq;S}(z, \rho)}{2} \frac{B_1(z)}{z} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^0), \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

$$|M_{12 \rightarrow g^* \gamma \gamma}|^2 \sim \frac{-4g_s^2}{\tilde{s}_{2g}} \frac{P_{qq;S}(z, \rho)}{2} \frac{B_2(z)}{z} + \mathcal{O}(\bar{\lambda}^0), \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 1,$$

$$P_{qq;S}(z, \rho) = C_F \frac{1 + z^2 - \epsilon \bar{z}^2 - \bar{\rho} \bar{z} (1 + z - \epsilon \bar{z})}{\bar{z} (1 - \bar{\rho} \bar{z})}$$

$$G_S(z) \equiv G_1(z) - \frac{C_F N_F}{48} (4 \log z + 4 \bar{z})$$

Alternative parametrization with symmetric counter-terms

# Subtraction fully exclusively

$$p_{q'} = \bar{z} \left[ \bar{x}_1 x_3 p_1 + x_1 \left( x_3 \bar{x}_2 + \frac{x_2 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1} - 2 \cos \pi x_4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} \right) p_2 \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{s_{12} \frac{x_1 \bar{x}_1}{\bar{x}_2}} \left( x_3 \bar{x}_2 - \cos \pi x_4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} \right) e_T^\mu + \sin \pi x_4 \sqrt{s_{12} \frac{x_1 \bar{x}_1 x_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} e'_T \right]$$

$$p_{\bar{q}'} = \bar{z} \left[ \bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_3 p_1 + x_1 \left( \bar{x}_3 \bar{x}_2 + \frac{x_2 x_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1} + 2 \cos \pi x_4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} \right) p_2 \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{s_{12} \frac{x_1 \bar{x}_1}{\bar{x}_2}} \left( \bar{x}_3 \bar{x}_2 + \cos \pi x_4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} \right) e_T - \sin \pi x_4 \sqrt{s_{12} \frac{x_1 \bar{x}_1 x_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3}{z + \bar{z} x_1}} e'_T \right]$$

$$d\sigma_{HH}^{excl.} = \frac{g_s^4}{8(2\pi)^4} \frac{s_{12} dz}{2\pi} dx_1 \dots dx_4 d\phi \bar{z} \\ \times \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{z}^2 x_1 \bar{x}_1}{z + \bar{z} x_1} \right) \frac{|M_{12 \rightarrow q' \bar{q}' \gamma^* \gamma^*}|^2}{4g_s^4} - \left( \frac{\bar{z}^2 x_1}{z} \right) \frac{P_{qq;1}^{excl.}}{\tilde{s}_{1g}} \frac{B_1}{z} - (\bar{z}^2 \bar{x}_1) \frac{P_{qq;2}^{excl.}}{\tilde{s}_{2g}} \frac{B_2}{z} \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{\bar{z}^2 x_1 \bar{x}_1}{z + \bar{z} x_1} \right) \frac{P_{\mu\nu}}{s_g} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow g \gamma^* \gamma^*}^{\mu\nu}}{2g_s^2} + \left( \frac{\bar{z}^2 x_1}{z} \right) \frac{\tilde{P}_{qq;1}^{excl.}}{\tilde{s}_{1g}^*} \frac{B_1}{z} + (\bar{z}^2 \bar{x}_1) \frac{\tilde{P}_{qq;2}^{excl.}}{\tilde{s}_{2g}^*} \frac{B_2}{z} \right]$$

We can also do the subtraction fully exclusively (the integrated counter-terms are the same as before).



# Subtraction fully exclusively

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We then recover the full spin correlations

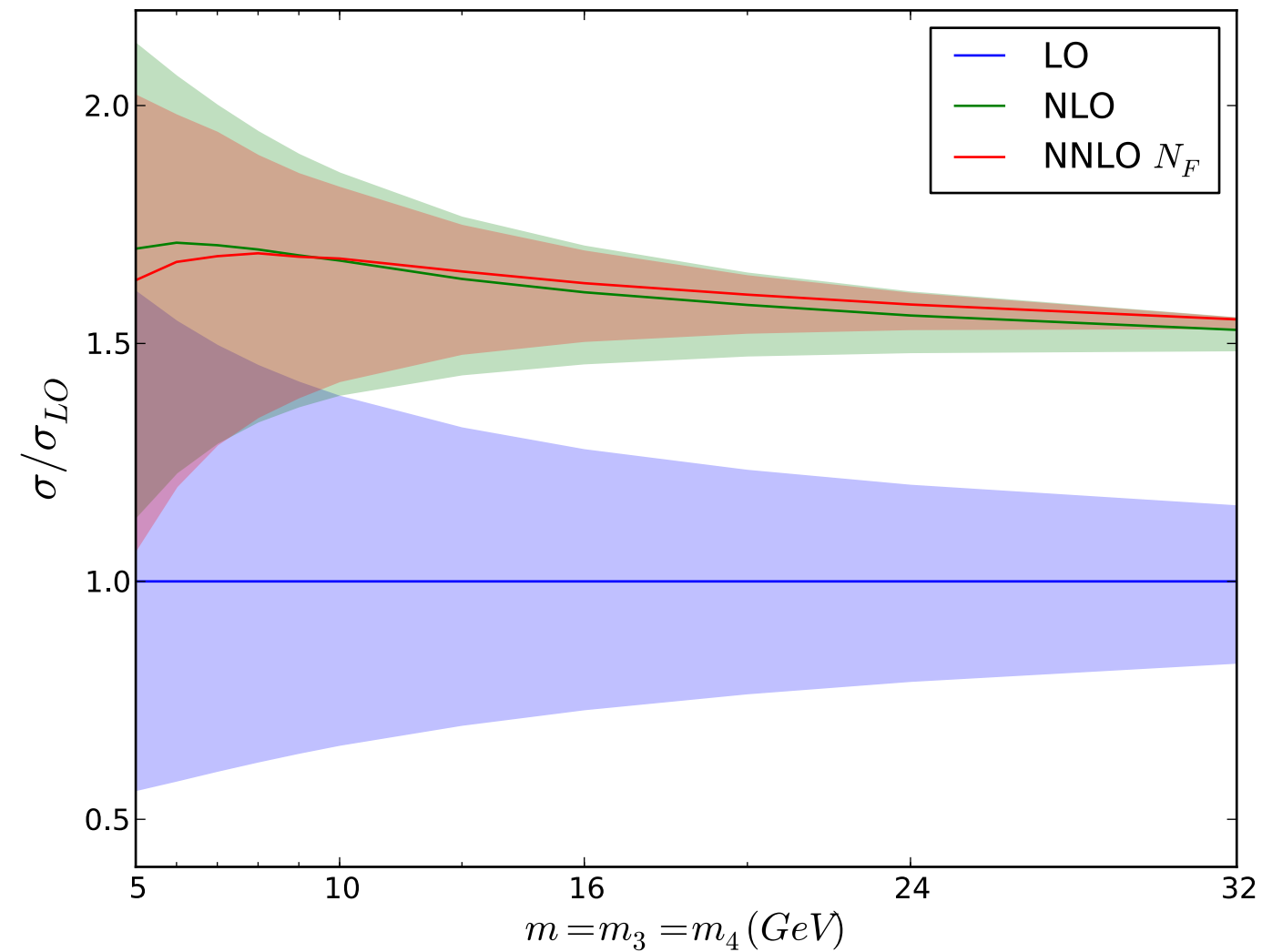
# Subtraction fully exclusively

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{qq;1}^{excl.} &= \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow 0} C_F \frac{s_{134}}{4s_{34}} \left[ -\frac{1}{s_{134}s_{34}} \left( \frac{2(s_{14}z_3 - s_{13}z_4)}{z_3 + z_4} + \frac{s_{34}(z_3 - z_4)}{z_3 + z_4} \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (1 - 2\epsilon) \left( -\frac{s_{34}}{s_{134}} + z_3 + z_4 \right) + \frac{4z_1 + (z_3 - z_4)^2}{z_3 + z_4} \right] \\
 &= \frac{C_F z}{2x_2 \bar{z}^2} \left[ (1 + z^2) \bar{x}_2 (1 - 2x_3 \bar{x}_3) + 8zx_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_2 \bar{z}^2 \epsilon - 4z \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3 \cos(2\pi x_4) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 4(1 + z)(1 - 2x_3) \sqrt{zx_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3} \cos(\pi x_4) \right], \quad (6.50)
 \end{aligned}$$

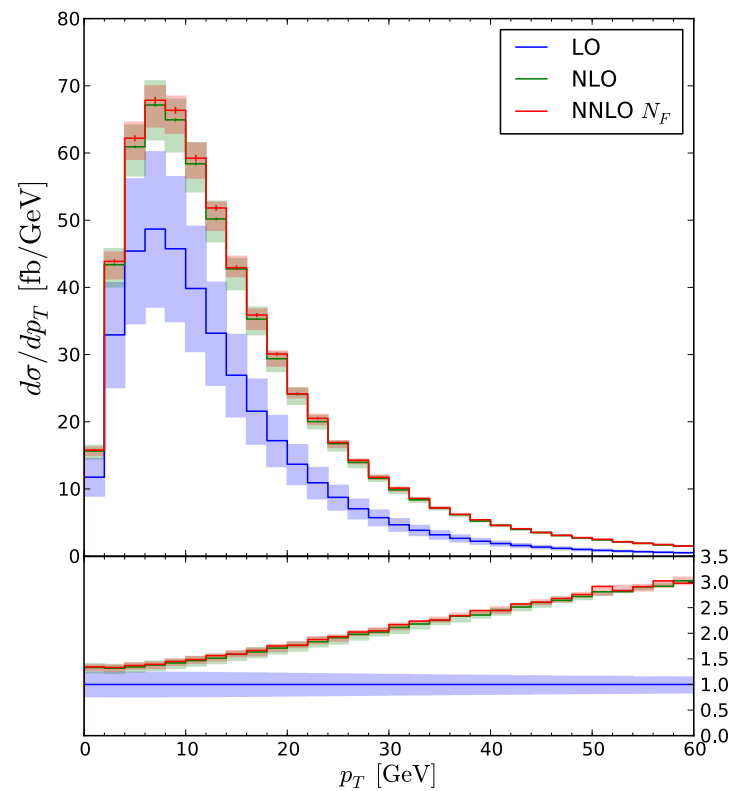
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 P_{qq;2}^{excl.} &= \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow 1} C_F \frac{s_{234}}{4s_{34}} \left[ -\frac{1}{s_{234}s_{34}} \left( \frac{2(s_{24}z_3 - s_{23}z_4)}{z_3 + z_4} + \frac{s_{34}(z_3 - z_4)}{z_3 + z_4} \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (1 - 2\epsilon) \left( -\frac{s_{34}}{s_{234}} + z_3 + z_4 \right) + \frac{4z_1 + (z_3 - z_4)^2}{z_3 + z_4} \right] \\
 &= \frac{C_F}{2x_2 \bar{z}^2} \left[ 2x_2^2 \bar{z} (2 - x_2 \bar{z}) (1 - 6x_3 \bar{x}_3) + (1 + x_2) (1 + z^2) (1 - 2x_3 \bar{x}_3) \right. \\
 &\quad - 4x_2 (1 - 2x_3)^2 - \epsilon \bar{x}_2 \bar{z}^2 - 4(1 - x_2 \bar{z}) (z - x_2 \bar{z}) \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3 \cos(2\pi x_4) \\
 &\quad \left. + 4(1 + z - 2x_2 \bar{z}) (1 - 2x_3) (1 - x_2 \bar{z}) \sqrt{x_2 \bar{x}_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3} \cos(\pi x_4) \right], \quad (6.51)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} [-g^{\mu\nu} + 4k^\mu k^\nu] \quad k^\mu = -\sqrt{x_3 \bar{x}_3} \left[ \sqrt{x_1 \bar{x}_1} 2 \cos \pi x_4 \frac{p_1^\mu - p_2^\mu}{\sqrt{s_{12}}} + (1 - 2x_1) \cos \pi x_4 e_1^\mu + \sin \pi x_4 e_2^\mu \right]$$

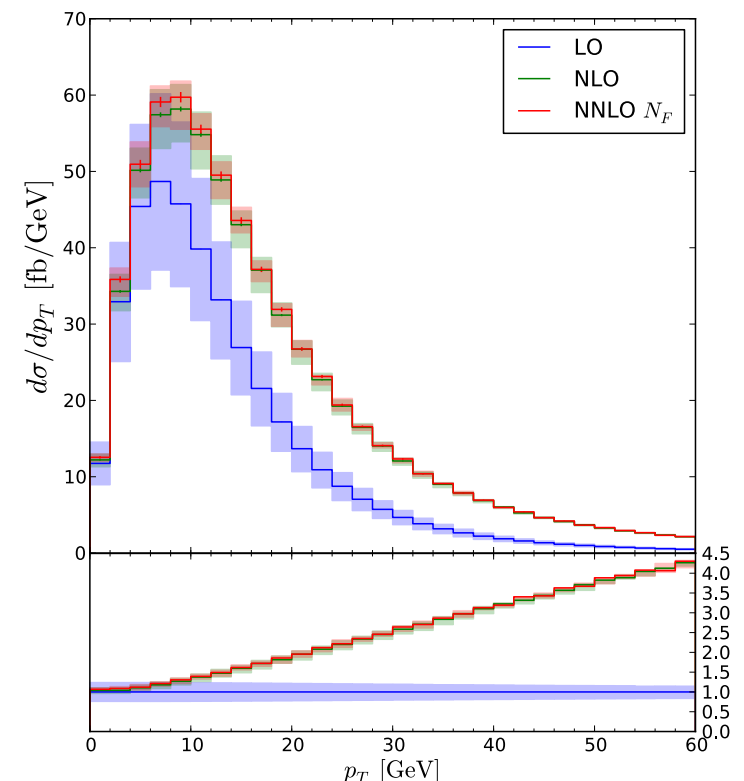
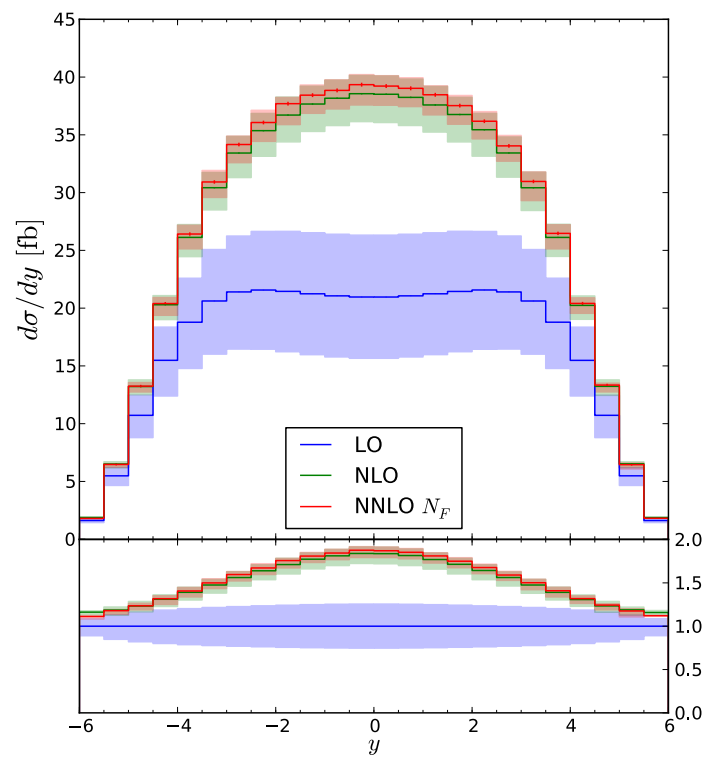
The limits are now more complicated (can be derived from Catani, Grazzini)



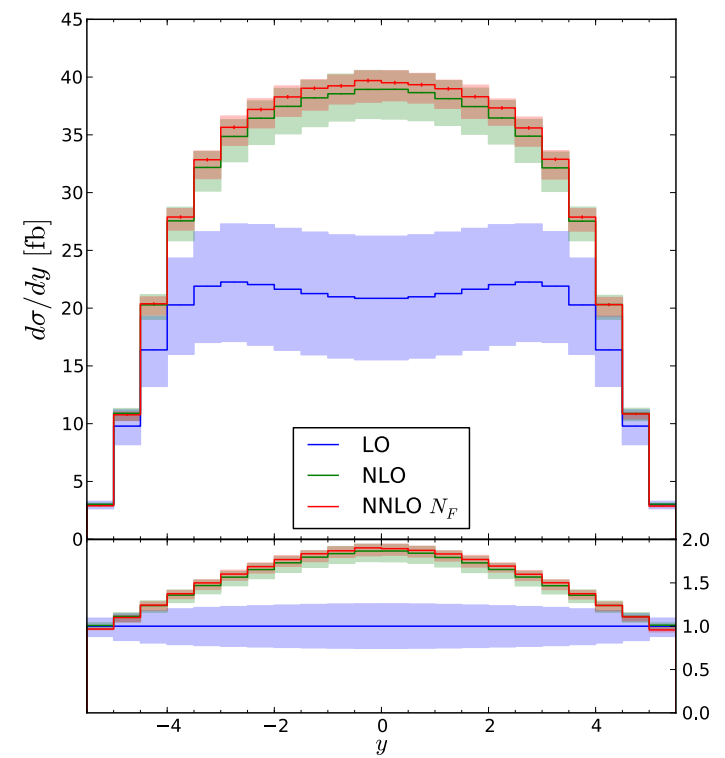
The nf corrections turn out to be very small, 1-2%. The scale uncertainty decreases, but not drastically.



$$\sqrt{s_3} = 30 \text{ GeV}$$

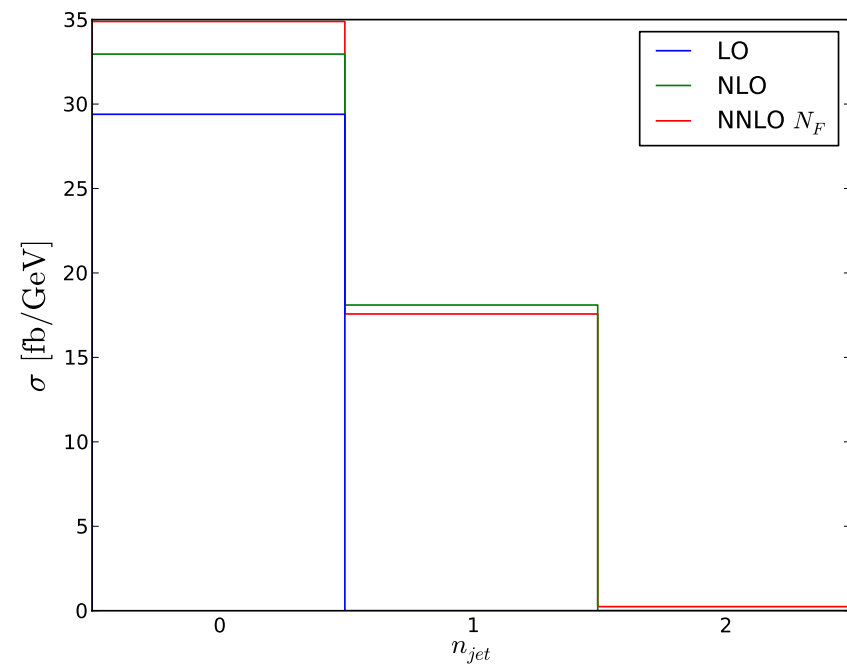


$$\sqrt{s_4} = 15 \text{ GeV}$$

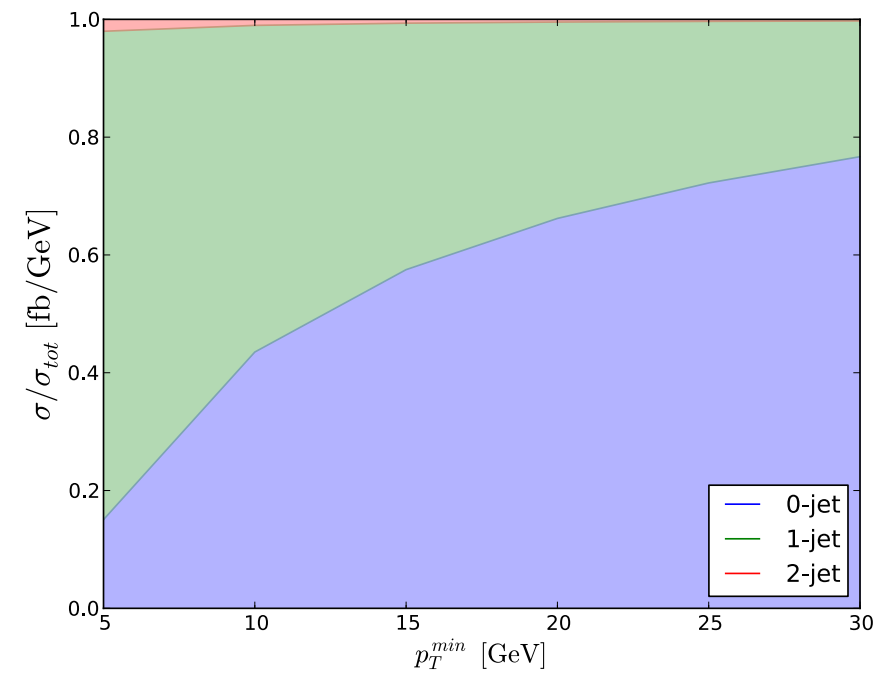


The effect on differential distributions is small.

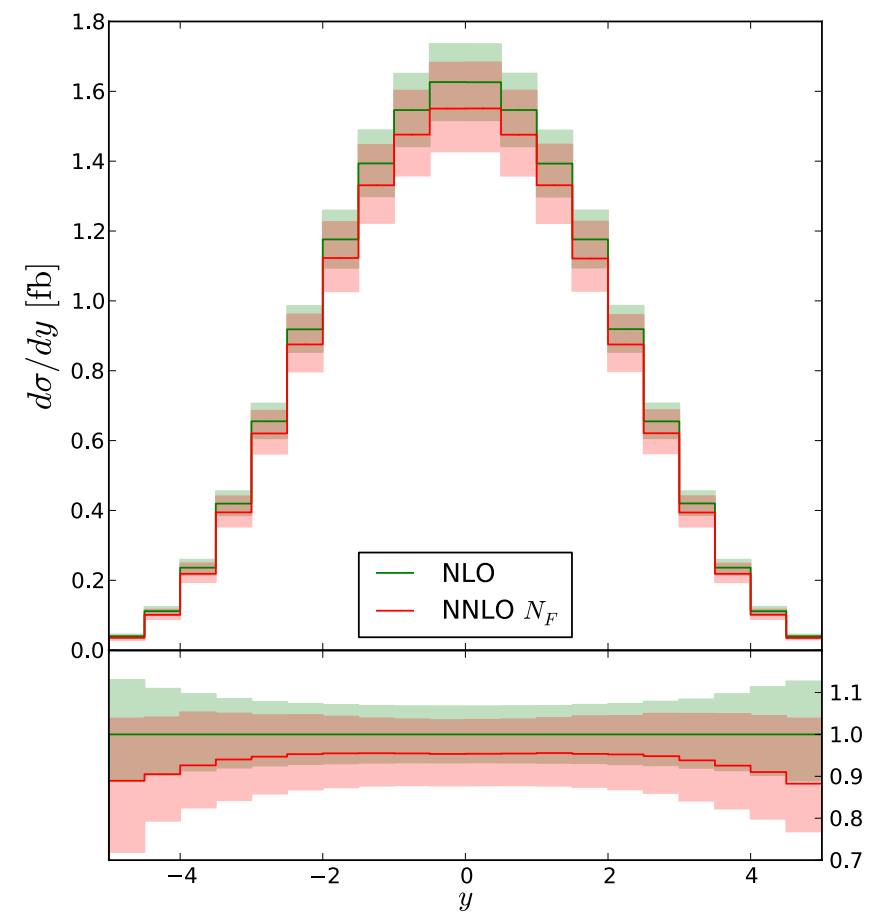
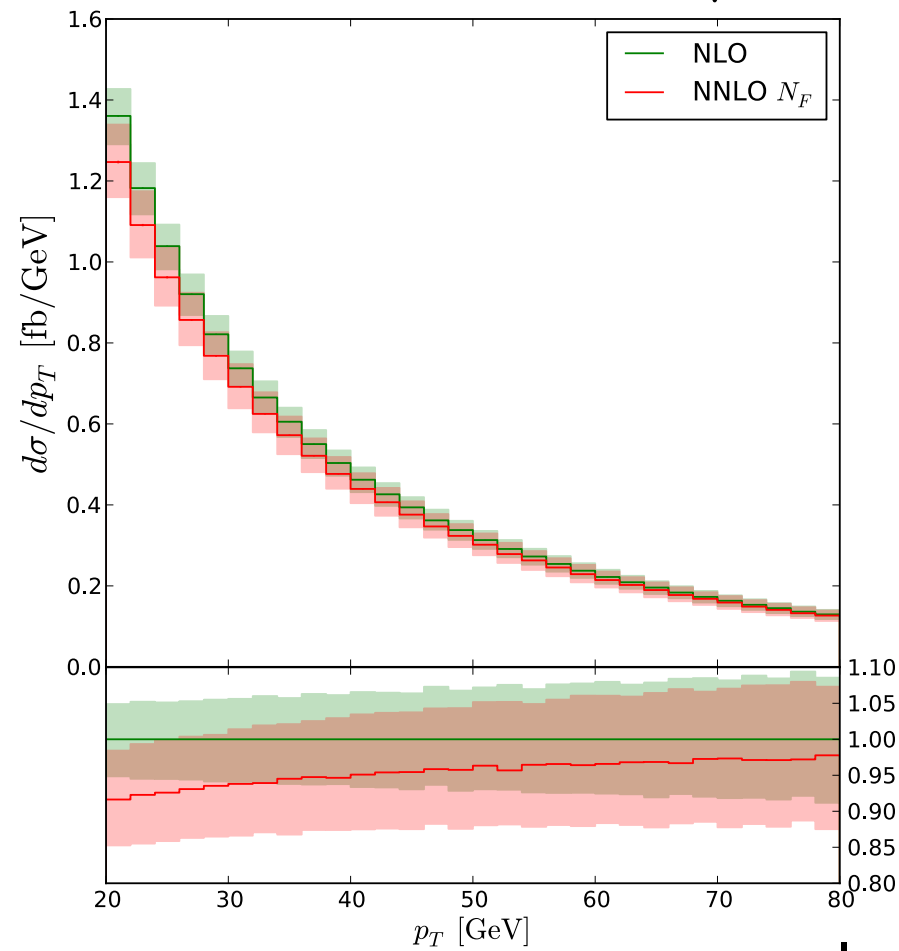
jet cross sections for  $p_T^{min} = 20 GeV$



jet cross sections as a function of  $p_T^{min}$

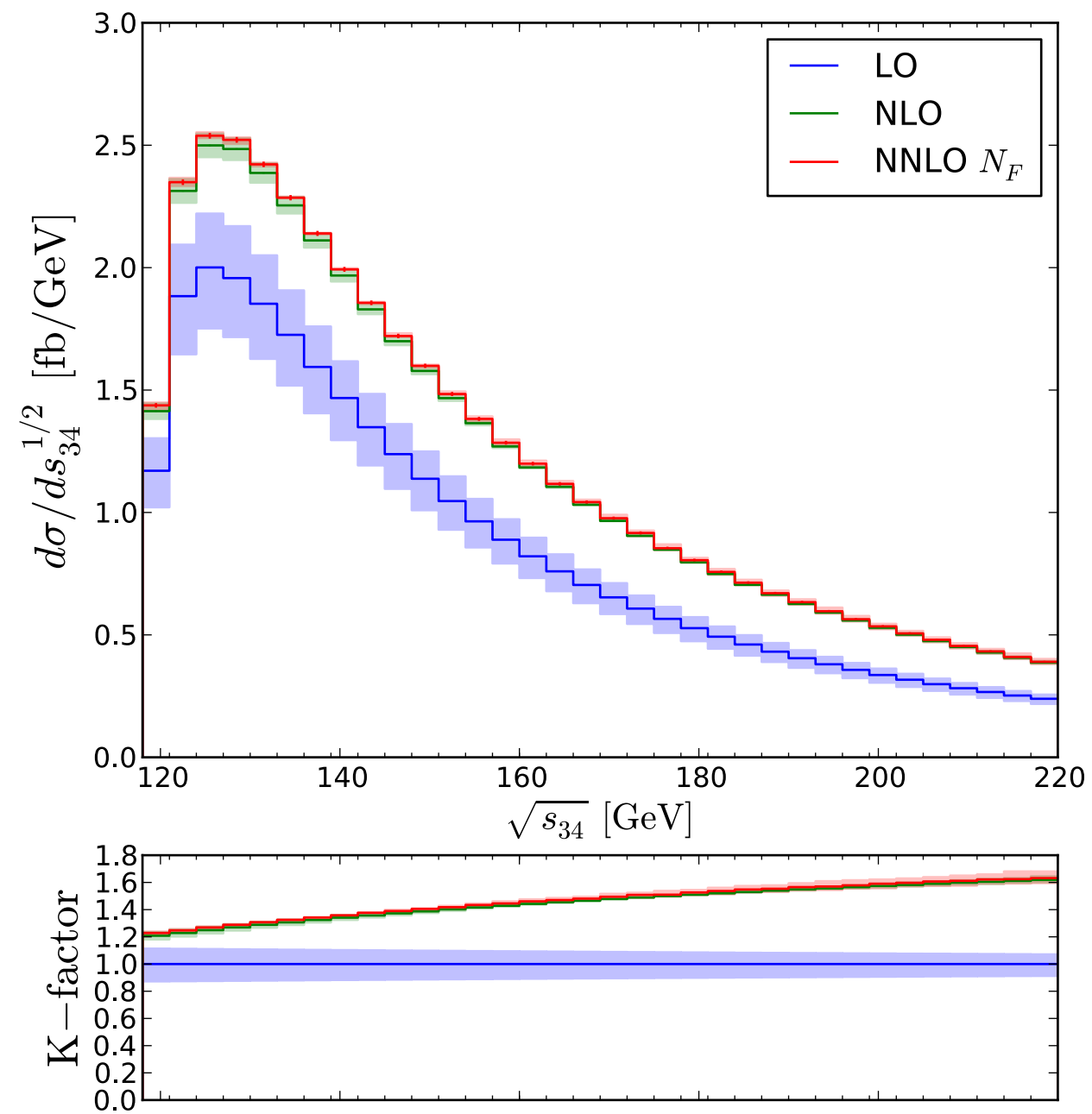


$$\sqrt{s_3} = m_Z \quad s_4 = 27 GeV$$



leading jet pT and rapidity

# invariant mass distribution of diphoton pair



The computation presented here doesn't face the most challenging issue of **overlapping singularities**. It has many properties that we would like to preserve (to some extent) as we tackle the rest of the NNLO contributions:  
universality of counter-terms, analytic integration of counter-terms, no sector proliferation.

**Thank you for your attention**